Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 25 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Tuesday 26 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 24 Sep 2023 at 14:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a changeable week of weather. Strong winds will be a regular feature making walking difficult at higher elevations. Showers never far away too.

Headline for Monday 25 Sep 2023: Sunny spells. Scattered showers during morning then mostly dry in afternoon. Windy and feeling cold on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 25 Sep 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	40%	40%	40%	20%	20%	20%	10%

Forecast for Monday 25 Sep 2023

Weather: Blustery showers overnight and on Monday morning. They will be most frequent over mountains of Skye, Knoydart and Torridon, becoming fewer and light in the afternoon and passing by quickly. Driest, brightest weather will be towards Great Glen and Ben Wyvis area.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Away from showers, the visibility will be very good with some cloud above about 700 to 800m. There will be brief interruptions to poorer visibility as heavier showers pass by with clouds lower down the hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	43/56 SW	49/62 S	48/62 SW	43/56 SW	44/59 SW	45/61 SW	45/60 SW	45/59 S	40/54 S
900	41/54 SW	45/58 S	46/60 SW	41/54 SW	42/58 SW	44/59 SW	43/57 SW	42/56 S	37/51 S
600	28/41 SW	32/45 S	32/46 SW	30/44 SW	31/46 SW	31/47 SW	29/43 SW	29/44 S	26/40 S
300	10/40 SW	10/43 S	13/44 SW	12/42 SW	13/43 SW	14/45 SW	12/40 SW	11/40 S	10/37 S
Glen	15/33 SW	19/40 S	17/36 SW	20/40 SW	20/40 SW	20/39 SW	16/34 S	16/36 S	16/35 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/-0	6/-1	6/-1	6/-0	6/-1	6/-1	6/-0	7/1	7/1
900	7/1	7/0	7/0	7/1	7/1	7/0	7/1	8/2	8/2
600	9/5	9/4	9/4	9/5	9/5	9/5	9/5	10/6	10/6
300	11/9	11/9	11/9	12/9	12/10	12/9	12/9	12/10	12/10
Glen	14/11	13/10	14/11	14/10	15/11	15/11	14/12	15/12	15/12
Freezing Level*	1800m	2100m	1900m	2000m	1800m	1700m	2000m	2200m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Windy conditions especially over higher ridges and summits will make for difficult walking conditions. Also feeling very cold.

Forecast for Tuesday 26 Sep 2023
Weather: Mainly dry, bright morning with sunny spells. A band of heavy showers will cross from the west during the afternoon. Drier, clearer weather following early in the evening. Another windy day in the hills and feeling very cold.

Maximum wind: Strong southerly winds becoming southwest in afternoon. Average speeds of 30 to 40mph with gusts 55mph on the tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% in morning decreasing 40% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility in the morning with occasional cloud cover above 700m in southwest of area but well broken over north Highlands. Visibility will become poor in afternoon as heavier showers come along and clouds lower down the hills too.

Temperature: **Glens:** 7 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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